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SUBJ: SACRED HEART MISSIONARY URGES SUPPORT FOR FSLN

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1. IN THE SECOND "FSLN" COMMUNIQUE IN THREE DAYS TO APPEAR IN COSTA RICA, SPANISH PRIEST GASPAR GARCIA LAVIANA, IDENTIFIED AS A SACRED HEART MISSIONARY, ISSUED A CALL TO NICARAGUAN PRIESTS AND BISHOPS TO OPPOSE THE SOMOZA ADMINISTRATION. GARCIA'S APPEAL, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS PHOTOGRAPH IN CAMOUFLAGE SUIT, APPEARED EXCLUSIVELY ON FRONT PAGE OF 25 JANUARY PRO-GOVERNMENT DAILY EXCELSIOR. GARCIA IS
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PORTED HERE TO BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE FSLN, HAVING JOINED THE CARLOS FONSECA AMADOR FRONT IN THE LAS SEGOVIAS REGION OF NICARAGUA IN DECEMBER 1977.

2. GARCIA'S CALL ON HIS FELLOW CLERICS TO SUPPORT FSLN AND HIS DECLARATION OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FSLN WERE COUCHED IN RELIGIOUS TERMS. IT INDICATED THAT HIS CATHOLICISM OBLIGATED HIM TO TAKE AN
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ACTIVE VJRT IN THE FSLN-LED REVOLUTION AND STATED "THE LIBERATION OF THE PEOPLE IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF SALVATION IN CHRIST".
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